



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5892

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AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY PRESERVATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a
2 Geographic Information Systems Council consisting of the following
3 members or their designees: (1) The Secretary of the Office of Policy
4 and Management; (2) the Commissioners of Environmental Protection,
5 Economic and Community Development, Transportation, Public
6 Safety and Public Health; (3) the Chief Information Officer of the
7 Department of Information Technology; (4) one member appointed by
8 the president pro tempore of the Senate representing a municipality
9 with a population of more than sixty thousand; (5) one member
10 appointed by the minority leader of the Senate representing a regional
11 planning agency; (6) two members appointed by the Governor, one
12 representing a municipality with a population of less than sixty
13 thousand but more than thirty thousand and one who is a user of
14 geographic information systems; (7) one member appointed by the
15 speaker of the House of Representatives representing a municipality
16 with a population of less than thirty thousand; and (8) one member
17 appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives who
18 is a user of geographic information systems. Within available
19 appropriations, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,
20 or a designee, shall serve as chairperson of the council and shall
21 administer the affairs of the council. The Governor shall fill any

22 vacancy by appointment for the unexpired portion of the term vacated.
 23 Members shall receive no compensation for their services on said
 24 council, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the
 25 performance of their duties. Said council shall hold one meeting each
 26 month and such additional meetings as may be prescribed by council
 27 rules. In addition, special meetings may be called by the chairperson or
 28 by any three members upon delivery of forty-eight hours written
 29 notice to each member.

30 (b) The council, within available appropriations, shall coordinate a
 31 uniform geographic information system capacity for the state and
 32 municipalities which shall include provisions for application, policy
 33 and standards for government information system implementation. In
 34 establishing such capacity, the council shall consult with state agencies,
 35 municipalities and other users of geographic information system
 36 technology.

37 (c) The council shall administer a program of technical assistance to
 38 regional planning agencies and municipalities to develop geographic
 39 information systems.

40 (d) On or before January 1, 2006, and annually thereafter, the
 41 council shall submit, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general
 42 statutes, a report on activities under this section to the joint standing
 43 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 44 relating to planning and development.

45 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 12-62a of the general statutes is
 46 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
 47 *October 1, 2005, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after*
 48 *October 1, 2005*):

49 (b) Each such municipality shall assess all property for purposes of
 50 the local property tax at a uniform rate of seventy per cent of present
 51 true and actual value, as determined under section 12-63. For
 52 assessment years commencing on and after October 1, 2006, any
 53 municipality with a population of more than one hundred thousand,

54 by ordinance adopted by its legislative body, may (1) designate real
55 estate as (A) land or land exclusive of buildings, or (B) buildings on
56 land, and (2) establish a different rate of property tax for each
57 designation, provided the higher rate shall apply to land or land
58 exclusive of buildings. As used in this subsection, the term "real estate"
59 does not include farm land, forest land and open space land as such
60 terms are defined in section 12-107b.

61 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Secretary of the Office of
62 Policy and Management, within available appropriations, shall
63 conduct a tax incidence study. The study shall include an analysis of
64 federal, state and local tax burdens of state taxpayers with different
65 income levels in each municipality and assess how changes in local
66 and state taxes would effect income levels. The study shall be
67 submitted to the General Assembly on or before July 1, 2006, and every
68 two years thereafter.

69 Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) On or before January 15, 2006, the
70 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, in consultation with
71 the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, the Council on Soil
72 and Water Conservation District, regional planning agencies organized
73 under the provisions of chapter 127 of the general statutes, regional
74 councils of governments and regional councils of elected officials
75 organized under the provisions of chapter 50 of the general statutes,
76 the Agricultural Extension Services of The University of Connecticut,
77 the Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning Association, the
78 Center of Land Use Education and Research at The University of
79 Connecticut and the Rural Development Council, shall prepare a
80 report on land use training and education available to members of
81 local land uses agencies. Such report shall include a survey of existing
82 programs and their utilization and recommendations, if any, for
83 enhancements and additions to such programs.

<p>This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:</p>
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2005, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2005</i>	12-62a(b)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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